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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references listed on Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

Document AL, German DE 3507 744 A1 relates to protecting a data bank and computer against unauthorized access using an advance message to initiate a call-back from a transfer center.

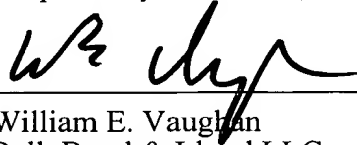
Document AM, European 0 557 566 A1 relates to a hierarchical access authorization control in a telecommunication system which uses passwords for authorized operations at levels of a manufacturer, administrator and administrator-monitor characteristics.

Document AN, German DE 43 21 765 A1 relates to a functional option enabling method to purchasers of a telephone switching system for selecting codes corresponding to desired options, and for combining codes and serial numbers of a system to obtain a combined option code.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is distinguishable

and non-obvious over the enclosed references, taken singly or in combination. Accordingly, early consideration and allowance of the application, including the claims, are hereby requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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